

**AGREEMENT
EXTENDING THE ARRANGEMENT OF MARCH 5, 1997
FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION
AND COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR SAFETY AND RESEARCH MATTERS
BETWEEN
THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(U.S.N.R.C.)
AND
THE COMISION NACIONAL DE SEGURIDAD NUCLEAR Y SALVAGUARDIAS
OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES
(C.N.S.N.S.)**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the United States of America and the Comision Nacional de Seguridad Nuclear y Salvaguardias of the United Mexican States, acknowledging their desire to continue the "Arrangement for the Exchange of Technical Information and Cooperation in Nuclear Safety and Research Matters Between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the United States of America (U.S.N.R.C.) and the Comision Nacional de Seguridad Nuclear y Salvaguardias of the United Mexican States (C.N.S.N.S.)" signed at Mexico City on March 5, 1997, hereby agree to extend the terms and conditions of that Arrangement for another five years, with effect from March 5, 2002.

Both parties agree that Addenda "A" and "B," attached hereto, will replace those in the 1997 Arrangement. These new Addenda update the specific areas in which the U.S.N.R.C. and the C.N.S.N.S. are performing the nuclear safety research referred to in Articles II.1.e. and II.4 of the Arrangement.

Both parties further agree that Article II.2, "Nuclear Emergency Cooperation," of the Arrangement will be expanded to add the following two items:

Communications Link

The U.S.N.R.C. and the C.N.S.N.S. will discuss and make every effort to set up a reliable communications link between them, if the parties determine that such a link is necessary and appropriate.

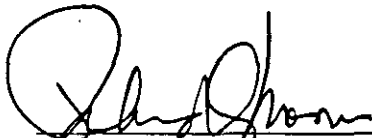
Emergency Exercises

The parties may collaborate on emergency exercises to be conducted, as the parties jointly decide is useful and appropriate. This could include observation of the exercises and participation in their critique.

The present agreement will enter into force upon signature.

DONE at Mexico City, on this 12th day of November 2002.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:



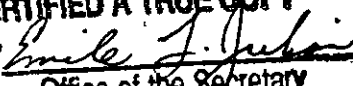
Richard A. Meserve
Chairman

FOR THE COMISION NACIONAL DE
SEGURIDAD NUCLEAR Y SALVAGUARDIAS
OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES:



Juan Eibenschutz H.
Director General

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Office of the Secretary

ADDENDUM "A"

Areas in Which the N.R.C. Is Performing Safety Research

Reactor Vessel and Piping Integrity
Aging of Reactor Components
Reactor Equipment Qualification
Thermal Hydraulic Code Applications and Maintenance
Plant Performance
Human Performance
Core Melt and Reactor Coolant System Failure
Reactor Containment Safety
Containment Structural Integrity
Seismic Safety
Probabilistic Risk Assessment
Severe Accident Analysis
Radiation Protection and Health Effects
Radionuclide Transport and Waste Management
Nuclear Fuel Analysis
Dry Cask Storage and Transport
Decommissioning
Advanced Reactor Designs
Plant Vulnerability

ADDENDUM "B"

Areas in Which the C.N.S.N.S. Is Performing Safety Research

Transient Analysis

Reactor Fuel and Coolant Behavior Analysis

Instability Analysis

Evaluation and Application of Integral and Best Estimate Codes for Severe Accident Analysis

Development of the Basis for Severe Accident Management Guidelines

PSA for Low Power and Shutdown

Containment Response Analysis

PSA Applications to Improve Safety

Significance Determination Process

PSA for Large Radiation Sources Installations

Fire PSA